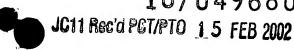
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

--This application is the U.S. national phase of international application

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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims 20 through 39 for claims 1 through 19 previously presented.

Wire pit for an approach system of a web formation machine comprising: a chute located in an upper portion of the wire pit for receiving white water,